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A.—The Chairman, Municipal Council, Gudiyattam, reported on 17th December 1925, that a water-tap and a lantern had been put up in the Adi-Dravida quarter at Thalayattam.

### Education.

*Managing Committee of the Saraswathi Mahal Library, Tanjore.*

\* 1546 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Committee of management of the Saraswathi Mahal Library, Tanjore, have got adequate funds to meet the necessary demand of printing and publishing the various catalogues that are now in course of preparation;

(b) whether the Government propose to place more funds at the disposal of the Committee; and

(c) if not, why not?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The question is under investigation in relation to one of such catalogues.

*Admission of ineligible lady students into Queen Mary's College.*

\* 1547 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the number of lady students who were ineligible according to the S.S.L.C. Examination eligibility rules but who were admitted in the Queen Mary's College; and

(b) the reasons why they were so admitted?

A.—(a) The year for which the information is required is not specified.

(b) Under the rules framed by the Syndicate of the Madras University for the admission of holders of Secondary School-Leaving Certificates to University courses of study, it is within the discretion of the Principals of Colleges for Women to make admissions of women holders of Secondary School-Leaving Certificates whether or not the names of such holders of certificates are included in the published list of certificate holders eligible for admission to University courses of study.

### UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

#### Police.

*The report of the Police Committee of 1923.*

1548 Q.—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the gist of the report of the Police Committee of 1923;

(b) whether the committee has suggested any alterations in the administration of the Police Department and, if so, what they are and how far they have been accepted by the Government; and

(c) whether the Government would be pleased to lay the report on the table of this House?

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4.—(a) & (c) The report of the Police Committee of 1923 has been incorporated at pages 203–219 of the report of the Madras Retrenchment Committee, 1922–23, volume II, which has already been placed on the Council table. A summary of the recommendations of the Police Committee will be found at page 213.

(b) The hon. Member's attention is invited to pages 26–27 of the statement appended to G.O. No. 666, Finance, dated 11th September 1924, which has been placed on the Council table. A supplemental statement<sup>a</sup> showing the action taken by Government on such of the recommendations as were reported to be under consideration at the time of the issue of the above Government Order is now laid on the table.

*Number of police constables in South Kanara.*

1549 Q.—Khan Bahadur HAJI ABDULLA HAJI QASIM SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to reduce the number of police constables in the district of South Kanara;

(b) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative, by how many is the number to be reduced, and what are the reasons for such reduction; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Government propose to reduce the number of police stations also in the South Kanara district; and if so, how many and what are the reasons?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) By 68 constables. The proposed reduction is consequent on the scheme for the re-allocation of the Police of this Presidency which has been undertaken by Government as a measure of retrenchment.

(c) Yes; by seven for the reasons given in answer to clause (b).

**Floods.**

*Damages caused by the floods of 1923 in South Kanara.*

1550 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the embankment called Raykutta in Mangalore taluk, South Kanara, was washed away during the floods of 1923;

(b) whether as a result several lands are overflowed with rain water during monsoons and are rendered unfit for cultivation and if so, what area;

(c) what steps Government have taken to repair the damage and replace the embankment;

(d) whether Government or any local body are liable to make the repairs;

(e) what the approximate cost of the repairs will be; and

(f) whether any remission of assessment has been given to the holders of the affected areas, and if so what amount?

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A.—No report on the subject has reached Government to date. A report has now been called for.

### Land Revenue.

*Conversion of an irrigation lake into 'ayan' in Vellore taluk.*

1551 Q.—MR. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact there was an irrigation lake which was useful to the ryots of 158 Allapuram village, Vellore taluk, North Arcot district, some time back;

(b) whether Government converted the said lake into "ayan" and whether they assigned the same to the ryots for cultivation;

(c) whether, owing to such assignment by Government in about 80 acres of land, "wet" cultivation has become impossible; and

(d) whether Government contemplate converting the said 80 acres to "dry," giving compensation to the ryot-owners?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have no information. The matter is one with which the Collector is competent to deal.

(d) There is no such proposal before the Government.

### Finance.

*Increase in Government expenditure for the last five years.*

1552 Q.—MR. P. C. VENKATAPATI RAJU: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state the increase in expenditure by way of pay and allowances for Provincial and Indian services for the last five years?

A.—The expenditure incurred on pay and special pay of All-India, Provincial and other Gazetted officers during the years 1921-22 and 1925-26 is shown below:—

						LAKHS.
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1921-22	...	...	...	...	...	148.53
1925-26	...	...	...	...	...	155.44
				Increase	...	6.91

These figures have been compiled from the budget estimates of those years.

### II.

### COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL.

(a)

The Secretary laid on the table copies of the following Government Orders:—

(1) G.O. No. 89, <sup>a</sup> Development, dated 20th January 1926, passing orders on the audit report and accounts of Chenat Nair forest exploitation, for the year ending 31st March 1925.

(2) G.O. No. 8, <sup>b</sup> Development, dated 4th January 1926, recording the accounts of the Fruit Preserving Institute, Coonoor, for the quarter ending 30th June 1925.